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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT,
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES DIVISION

DAVID LAWRENCE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PENTAGROUP FINANCIAL, LLC,

Defendant.

Case No. **CV09 09108 CBM (SSx)**

COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR
JURY TRIAL

(Unlawful Debt Collection Practices)

COMPLAINT

DAVID LAWRENCE (Plaintiff), by his attorneys, KROHN & MOSS, LTD., alleges the following against PENTAGROUP FINANCIAL, LLC (Defendant):

INTRODUCTION

1. Count I of Plaintiff's Complaint is based on the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. 1692 *et seq.* (FDCPA). According to the FDCPA, the United States Congress has found abundant evidence of the use of abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection practices by many debt collectors, and has determined that abusive debt collection practices contribute to the number of personal bankruptcies, to marital instability, to the loss of jobs, and to invasions of individual privacy. Congress wrote the FDCPA to eliminate abusive debt collection practices by debt collectors, to insure that those debt collectors who refrain from using abusive debt collection practices are not competitively

1 7. Venue is proper pursuant to *28 U.S.C. 1391(b)(1)*.

2 8. Declaratory relief is available pursuant to *28 U.S.C. 2201 and 2202*.

3 **PARTIES**

4 9. Plaintiff is a natural person who resides in the city of Hawthorne, Los Angeles County,
5 California and is allegedly obligated to pay a debt and is a "consumer" as that term is
6 defined by *15 U.S.C. 1692a(3)*.

7 10. Defendant is a debt collector and sought to collect a consumer debt from Plaintiff which
8 was due and owing or alleged to be due and owing from Plaintiff and is a "debtor" as
9 that term is defined by *Cal. Civ. Code § 1788.2(h)*.

10 11. Defendant is a national company with its headquarters in Houston, Harris County, Texas.

11 12. Defendant uses instrumentalities of interstate commerce or the mails in any business the
12 principal purpose of which is the collection of any debts, or who regularly collects or
13 attempts to collect, directly or indirectly, debts owed or due or asserted to be owed or
14 due another and is a "debt collector" as that term is defined by *15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6)*.

15 13. Defendant is not a firm of attorneys or counselors at law and is a company who, in the
16 ordinary course of business, regularly, on behalf of itself or others, engages in debt
17 collection as that term is defined by *Cal. Civ. Code §1788.2(b)*, and is a "debt collector"
18 as that term is defined by *Cal. Civ. Code §1788.2(c)*.

19 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

20 14. Defendant constantly and continuously places collection calls to Plaintiff seeking and
21 demanding payment for an alleged debt.

22 15. Defendant constantly and continuously places collection calls to Plaintiff at the number
23 (310) 948-0229.

24 16. Defendant contacted a third party, Plaintiff's mother, multiple times seeking and
25 demanding payment for the alleged consumer debt.

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2 17. Defendant is attempting to contact Plaintiff at a location that Plaintiff has not lived in
3 over ten (10) years.

4 **COUNT I**
5 **DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT**

6 18. Defendant violated the FDCPA based on the following:

- 7 a. Defendant violated §1692b(1) of the FDCPA by contacting a third party and
8 failing to state that collector is confirming or correcting location information.
- 9 b. Defendant violated §1692b(2) of the FDCPA by contacting a third party and
10 stating Plaintiff owes a debt.
- 11 c. Defendant violated §1692b(3) of the FDCPA by contacting a third party more
12 than once.
- 13 d. Defendant violated §1692c(a)(1) of the FDCPA by communicating with Plaintiff
14 at a time and place known to be inconvenient.
- 15 e. Defendant violated §1692c(B) of the FDCPA by communicating with someone
16 other than consumer concerning the alleged debt.
- 17 f. Defendant violated §1692d of the FDCPA by engaging in conduct the natural
18 consequence of which is to harass, oppress, and abuse Plaintiff.
- 19 g. Defendant Violated §1692d(5) of the FDCPA by causing a telephone to ring and
20 engaging Plaintiff repeatedly and continuously with the intent to annoy, abuse,
21 and harass.
- 22 h. Defendant violated §1692d(6) by placing telephone calls without meaningful
23 disclosure of callers identity.

24 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, David Lawrence, respectfully requests judgment be entered
25 against Defendant, PENTAGROUP FINANCIAL, LLC, for the following:

1 19. Declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the Fair Debt Collection
2 Practices Act,

3 20. Statutory damages pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, *15 U.S.C. 1692k*,

4 21. Actual damages,

5 22. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act,
6 *15 U.S.C. 1692k*

7 23. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

8 **COUNT II**
9 **DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE ROSENTHAL FAIR DEBT COLLECTION**
10 **PRACTICES ACT**

11 24. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges all of the allegations in Count I of Plaintiff's Complaint
12 as the allegations in Count II of Plaintiff's Complaint.

13 25. Defendant violated the RFDCPA based on the following:

14 a. Defendant violated §1788.11(b) of the RFDCPA by placing telephone calls
15 without disclosure of the caller's identity.

16 b. Defendant violated §1788.11(d) of the RFDCPA by causing Plaintiff's telephone
17 to ring repeatedly and continuously so as to annoy Plaintiff.

18 c. Defendant violated §1788.11(e) of the RFDCPA by communicating by telephone
19 with the Plaintiff with such frequency as to be unreasonable and to constitute
20 harassment to the debtor under the circumstances.

21 d. Defendant violated §1788.12(c) of the RFDCPA by communicating with a third
22 party and disclosing the nature and existence of the alleged consumer debt.

23 e. Defendant violated the §1788.17 of the RFDCPA by continuously failing to
24 comply with the statutory regulations contained within the FDCPA, *15 U.S.C. §*
25 *1692 et seq.*

1 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, DAVID LAWRENCE, respectfully requests judgment be
2 entered against Defendant, PENTAGROUP FINANCIAL, LLC, for the following:

3 26. Declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the Rosenthal Fair Debt
4 Collection Practices Act,

5 27. Statutory damages pursuant to the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, *Cal.*
6 *Civ. Code §1788.30(b)*,

7 28. Actual damages,

8 29. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection
9 Practices Act, *Cal. Civ Code § 1788.30(c)*, and

10 30. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

11 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

12 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, DAVID LAWRENCE, demands a jury trial in
13 this cause of action.

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15 DATED: December 8, 2009

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

KROHN & MOSS, LTD.

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17 By: _____

Ryan Lee

18 Attorney for Plaintiff
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4 **VERIFICATION OF COMPLAINT AND CERTIFICATION**

5 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

6 Plaintiff, DAVID LAWRENCE, states as follows:

- 7 1. I am the Plaintiff in this civil proceeding.
8 2. I have read the above-entitled civil Complaint prepared by my attorneys and I believe
9 that all of the facts contained in it are true, to the best of my knowledge, information
10 and belief formed after reasonable inquiry.
11 3. I believe that this civil Complaint is well grounded in fact and warranted by existing
12 law or by a good faith argument for the extension, modification or reversal of existing
13 law.
14 4. I believe that this civil Complaint is not interposed for any improper purpose, such as
15 to harass any Defendant(s), cause unnecessary delay to any Defendant(s), or create a
16 needless increase in the cost of litigation to any Defendant(s), named in the
17 Complaint.
18 5. I have filed this Complaint in good faith and solely for the purposes set forth in it.
19 6. Each and every exhibit I have provided to my attorneys which has been attached to
20 this Complaint is a true and correct copy of the original.
21 7. Except for clearly indicated redactions made by my attorneys where appropriate, I
22 have not altered, changed, modified or fabricated these exhibits, except that some of
23 the attached exhibits may contain some of my own handwritten notations.
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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, DAVID LAWRENCE, hereby declare (or certify,
verify or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATE: 11/20/09

David Lawrence
DAVID LAWRENCE

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to District Judge Consuelo B. Marshall and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Suzanne H. Segal.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

CV09- 9108 CBM (SSx)

Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

All discovery related motions should be noticed on the calendar of the Magistrate Judge

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NOTICE TO COUNSEL

A copy of this notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants (if a removal action is filed, a copy of this notice must be served on all plaintiffs).

Subsequent documents must be filed at the following location:

☒ **Western Division**
312 N. Spring St., Rm. G-8
Los Angeles, CA 90012

☐ **Southern Division**
411 West Fourth St., Rm. 1-053
Santa Ana, CA 92701-4516

☐ **Eastern Division**
3470 Twelfth St., Rm. 134
Riverside, CA 92501

Failure to file at the proper location will result in your documents being returned to you.

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A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it), you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached ☒ complaint ☐ _____ amended complaint ☐ counterclaim ☐ cross-claim or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff's attorney, Ryan Lee Esq., whose address is Krohn & Moss, Ltd.; 10474 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 401; Los Angeles, CA 90025. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

Clerk, U.S. District Court

CHRISTOPHER POWERSDated: DEC 11 2009By: _____
Deputy Clerk*(Seal of the Court)*

[Use 60 days if the defendant is the United States or a United States agency, or is an officer or employee of the United States. Allowed 60 days by Rule 12(a)(3)].

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Clerk, U.S. District Court

Dated: DEC 11 2009

By: CHRISTOPHER POWERS
Deputy Clerk
(Seal of the Court)

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CIVIL COVER SHEET**

I (a) PLAINTIFFS (Check box if you are representing yourself <input type="checkbox"/>) DAVID LAWRENCE	DEFENDANTS PENTAGROUP FINANCIAL, LLC
(b) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number. If you are representing yourself, provide same.) Krohn & Moss, Ltd.; Ryan Lee, Esq. 10474 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 401; Los Angeles, CA 90025 (323) 988-2400	Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an X in one box only.) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)	III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES - For Diversity Cases Only (Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant.) <table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width:33%; border: none;">Citizen of This State</td> <td style="width:10%; border: none; text-align: center;">PTF</td> <td style="width:10%; border: none; text-align: center;">DEF</td> <td style="width:33%; border: none;">Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State</td> <td style="width:10%; border: none; text-align: center;">PTF</td> <td style="width:10%; border: none; text-align: center;">DEF</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Citizen of Another State</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td style="border: none;">Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td style="border: none;">Foreign Nation</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td style="border: none;"><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> <td style="border: none; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> </tr> </table>	Citizen of This State	PTF	DEF	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State	PTF	DEF	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
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IV. ORIGIN (Place an X in one box only.)

☒ 1 Original Proceeding
 ☐ 2 Removed from State Court
 ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
 ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
 ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify):
 ☐ 6 Multi-District Litigation
 ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judge

V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No (Check 'Yes' only if demanded in complaint.)

CLASS ACTION under F.R.C.P. 23: ☐ Yes ☒ No

MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT: \$ _____

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)
 15 USC 1692 et seq.; Unlawful and Abusive Debt Collection Practices

VII. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one box only.)

OTHER STATUTES	CONTRACT	TORTS	TORTS	PRISONER	LABOR
<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc. <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Act <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Info. Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes	<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loan (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Fed. 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Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS-Third Party 26 USC 7609

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Case Number: _____

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AFTER COMPLETING THE FRONT SIDE OF FORM CV-71, COMPLETE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CIVIL COVER SHEET

VIII(a). IDENTICAL CASES: Has this action been previously filed in this court and dismissed, remanded or closed? ☒ No ☐ Yes
 If yes, list case number(s): _____

VIII(b). RELATED CASES: Have any cases been previously filed in this court that are related to the present case? ☒ No ☐ Yes
 If yes, list case number(s): _____

Civil cases are deemed related if a previously filed case and the present case:

- (Check all boxes that apply) ☐ A. Arise from the same or closely related transactions, happenings, or events; or
☐ B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or
☐ C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges; or
☐ D. Involve the same patent, trademark or copyright, and one of the factors identified above in a, b or c also is present.

IX. VENUE: (When completing the following information, use an additional sheet if necessary.)

- (a) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** named plaintiff resides.
☐ Check here if the government, its agencies or employees is a named plaintiff. If this box is checked, go to item (b).

County in this District:*	California County outside of this District; State, if other than California; or Foreign Country
Los Angeles (CA)	

- (b) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** named defendant resides.
☐ Check here if the government, its agencies or employees is a named defendant. If this box is checked, go to item (c).

County in this District:*	California County outside of this District; State, if other than California; or Foreign Country
	Harris (TX)

- (c) List the County in this District; California County outside of this District; State if other than California; or Foreign Country, in which **EACH** claim arose.
Note: In land condemnation cases, use the location of the tract of land involved.

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Los Angeles (CA)	

* Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo Counties
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X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PRO PER): _____ Date December 8, 2009

Notice to Counsel/Parties: The CV-71 (JS-44) Civil Cover Sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required pursuant to Local Rule 3-1 is not filed but is used by the Clerk of the Court for the purpose of statistics, venue and initiating the civil docket sheet. (For more detailed instructions, see separate instructions sheet.)

Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:

Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. (g))